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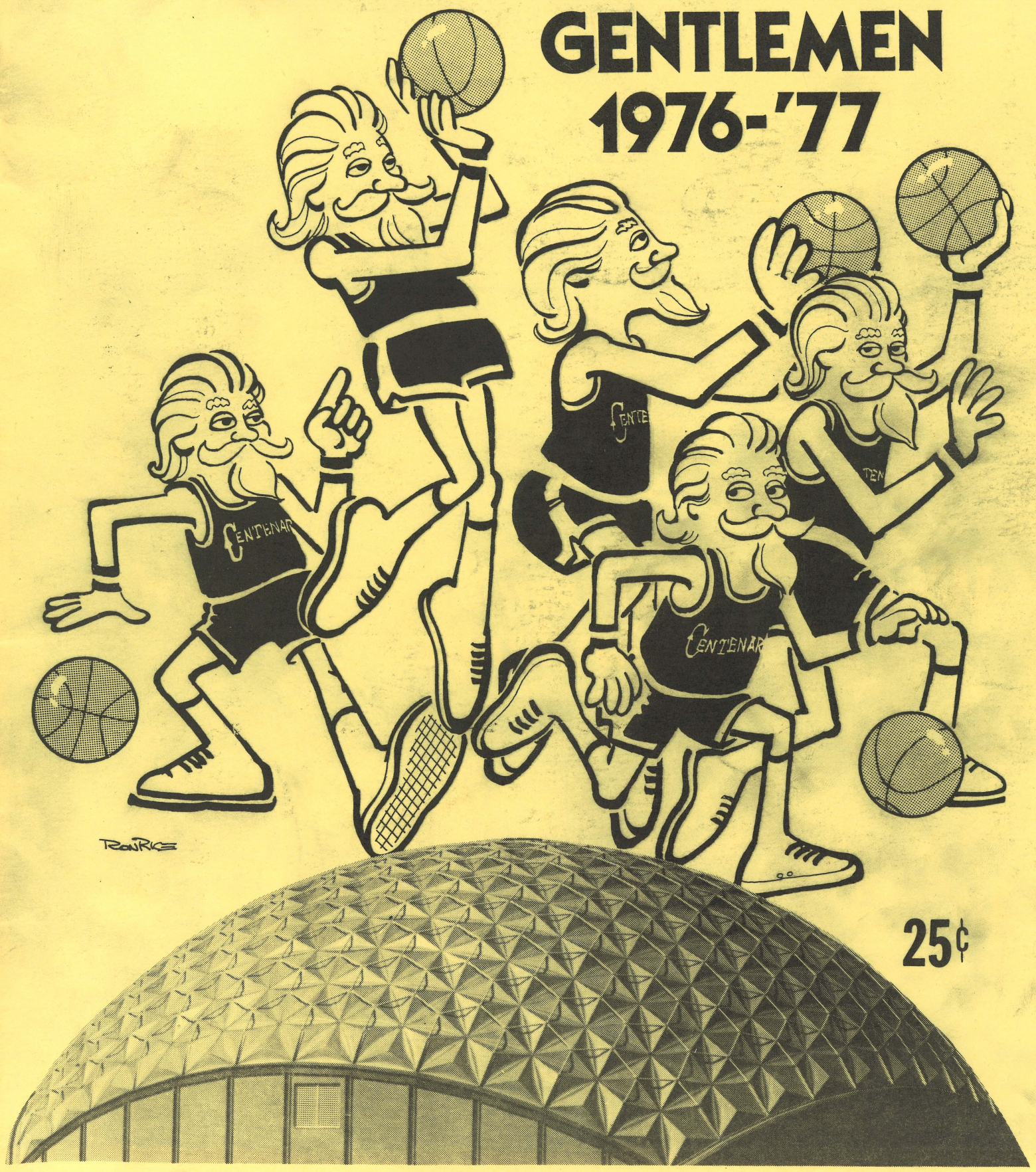

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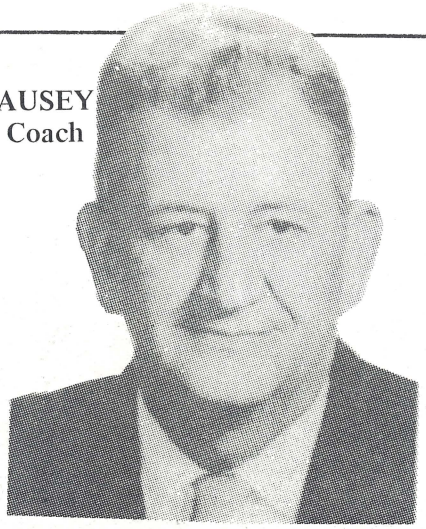

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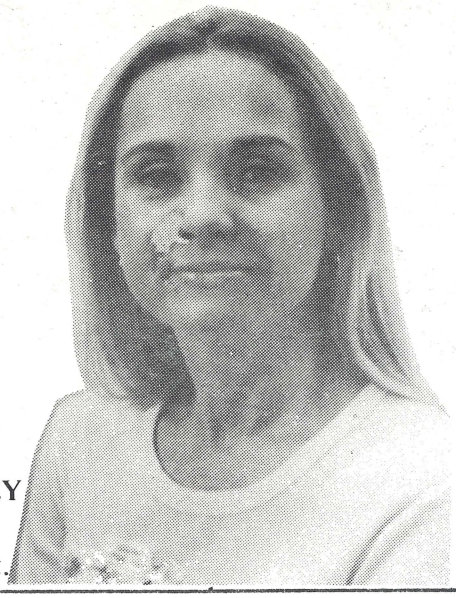

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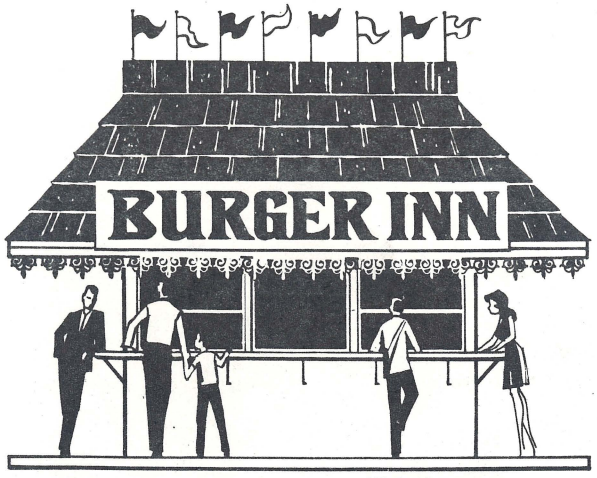

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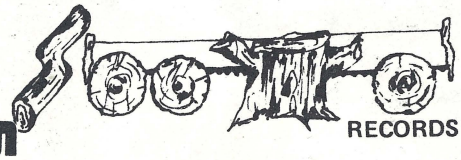

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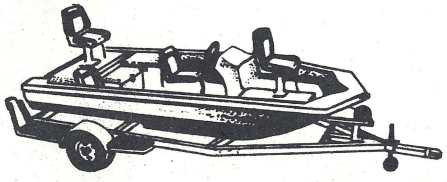

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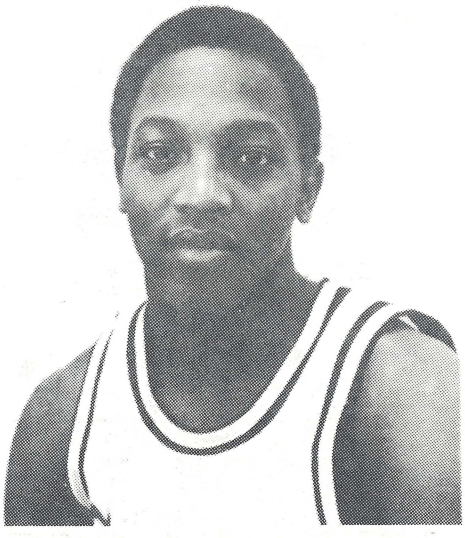

23 – AARON STRAYHORN

Guard, 6-1, 165, Freshman, 18, New York City, N.Y.—When Ron Kestenbeaum saw him score 42 points in a New York City high school game, he knew he had seen a player – that's why he recruited him for Centenary. Strayhorn earned a five-star rating on Garfinkel's HSBI Scouting Report – he and Kevin Starke will battle for the point guard starting spot. BACKGROUND: A part-time starter as a junior at Hearen High, he averaged 16 points a game on a team that was unbeated until a one-point loss in the Division A city championship semifinals – as a senior, he averaged 24.5 points and seven assists a game – All-Division and All-City on teams picked by the New York Post and Daily News – played in the Thanksgiving Classic and a number of other All-Star games – Athlete of the Year at his high school.

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33 – ROBBIE SENN

Guard, 5-11, 165, Junior, 20, Shreveport, La. – Walk-on who earned a scholarship – played with jayvees last season, averaging 13.6 points and 3.4 rebounds a game – made 57 of 65 free throws for 87.7 per cent and hit 45 per cent from the floor – averaged four assists per game – played three varsity minutes and had three assists – figures to be a reserve at either point or wing guard. BACKGROUND: An All-District (1-AAA) player at Northwood High, averaged 20 points a game as a senior – also made second team All-City and was selected 'Mr. Northwood' in his senior year.

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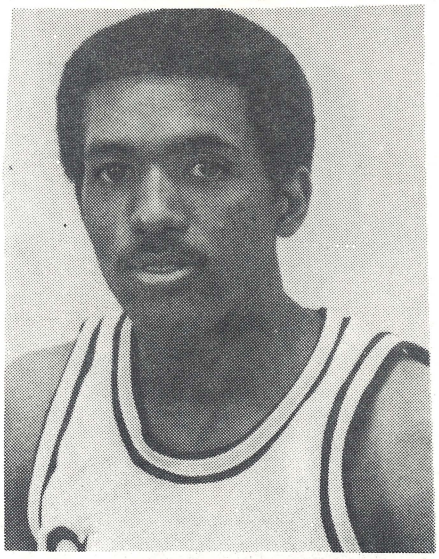

15 — KEVIN STARKE

Guard, 6-1, 165, Freshman, 18, New York City, N.Y.—Rated a five-star player by Garfinkel's HSBI Scounting Report and w will battle roommate Aaron Strayhorn for starting spot at point guard — a fancy passer, who, if things work out, could challenge for the school assist record one day — has experience in a winning program under Ron Kestenbaum at Stevenson High in the Bronx and joints the coach at Centenary — a southpaw. BACKGROUND: A reserve on Stevenson's 1974 New York City Section Two championship team and helped the '76 team into the quarterfinals of the playoffs — averaged 16.5 points and six assists per game as a senior — A Hammer High School All-American, named All-Division by the New York Post and second team All-City by the New York Daily News — played in the 5-Star Basketball Camp Orange-White Classic and the PSAL-CHSAA All-Star Game — high game of 33 points in high school.

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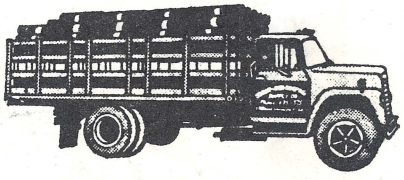

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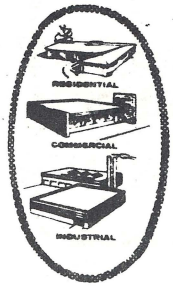

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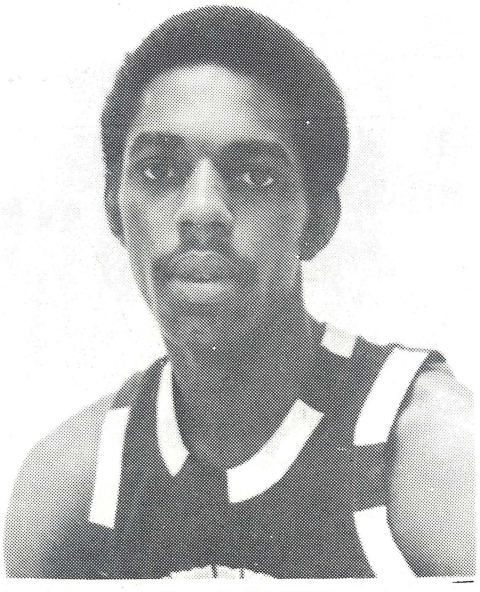

13 – AL BARNES

Forward, 6-4, 175, Senior, 22, Hempstead, N.Y. – Co-captain enjoys playing defense and does it well – started every game last season and averaged 6.8 points and 5.7 rebounds with single game highs of 15 points (twice) and 13 rebounds – field goal percentage high (.496), but had a tendency to pass up shots – will be counted on to put the ball up more frequently this season – averaged less than one turnover a game last year – has appeared in 56 games over the past two seasons without fouling out – can also be used at guard if needed. BACKGROUND: Teamed with John Pitts at Hempstead High and averaged 16.5 points and 21 rebounds a game as a senior. All-Nassau County coaches team, Time Out Club Christmas Tourney MVP, played in several All-Star games and was MVP in one.

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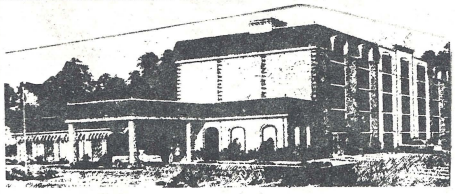

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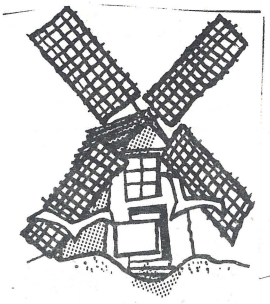

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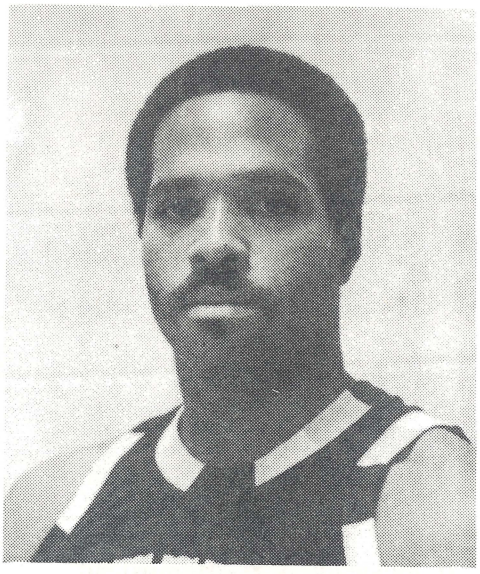

22 — JOHN PITTS

Forward, 6-7, 205, Senior, 21, Hempstead, N.Y. — If the Gents are to have a big year, Pitts must have a big year — he started the first 12 games last season, then tailed off and lost the starting spot — averaged 7.3 points and 6.7 rebounds a game with single game highs of 21 points (vs. USL when he made 10 of 15 floor shots) and 14 rebounds — will play both forward and center this season — his rebounding will be a key to team's success — an ambidextrous shooter. BACKGROUND: Highly-recruited out of Hempstead High where he was a three-year starter on teams with a total 85-6 record — averaged 22.6 points and 18 rebounds a game as a senior and scored over 1,000 career points — All-American, MVP on Long Island, All-State and MVP in Long Island-Brooklyn-Queens All-Star Game.

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20	Leroy Crayton	G	19	5-11	155	Soph.	JV	Shreveport,La.–Booker T. Washington
40	Chris Cummings	G	21	6-2	170	Jr.	JC	Monticello, N.Y. – Monticello
50	Walter Louis	F	20	6-6	190	Soph.	JV	Dallas, Tex. – W. T. White
55	Rudy Manne	C	18	6-11	220	Fr	HS	New York City,N.Y.–Samuel Gompers
22	John Pitts	F-C	21	6-7	205	Sr	2V	Hempstead, N.Y.–Hempstead
34	Bill Schmidt	G	20	6-4	190	Jr	JC	Belleville, Ill.–Belleville West
33	Robbie Senn	G	20	5-11	165	Jr	JV	Shreveport, La. – Northwood
15	Kevin Starke	G	18	6-1	165	Fr	HS	New York City, N.Y. – Stevenson
23	Aaron Strayhorn	G	18	6-1	165	Fr	HS	New York City, N.Y. – Haaren
42	Bobby White	F	20	6-6	220	Jr	IV	Springhill, La. – Springhill

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22	Bruce Washington	G	6-2	189	Sr.
24	Mike Childs	G	6-	178	So.
30	Dan Stacey	G	6-6	166	Jr.
32	John Clark	F	6-5	188	So.
38	(Capt.) Matt Hicks	F	6-4	192	Sr.
40	Pete Valaika	G-F	6-4	188	Sr.
42	Larry Walter	G	6-2	183	Sr.
44	Paul Dawkins	F	6-5	173	So.
50	Bruce Lee	F-C	6-6	200	Jr.
52	John Harris	F	6-6	165	So.
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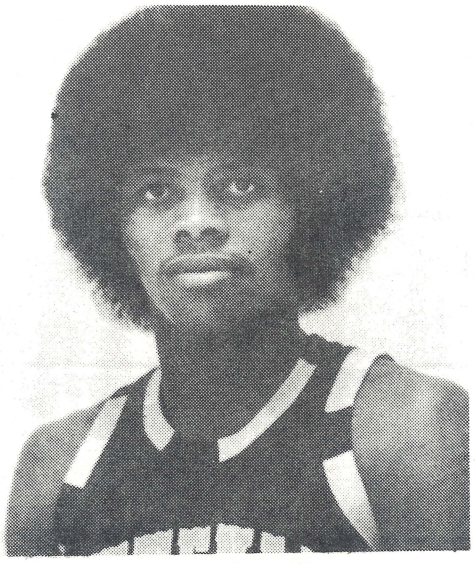

42 — BOBBY WHITE

Forward, 6-6, 220, Junior, 20, Springhill, La. — Co-captain. 'All right, Bobby White' became a familiar sound in the Gold Dome last season and should be heard more frequently this time — should be the Gents' top scorer — a 31-point scorer as a freshman, he got a disappointing slow start with varsity last year. His true ability showed when he became a started for the final 10 games. In that time, he averaged 12.2 points and 6.3 rebounds per game and shot 48.2 per cent from the floor — the 'before' figures were 5.2, 3.2 and 39.8 per cent. So his season per game averages were 7.8 points and 4.6 rebounds with a high game of 21 points (vs. Hardin-Simmons). BACKGROUND: At Springhill High he led team to a 35-4 record with 26 points a game and was 'Outstanding Player' in District I-AAA and on Class AAA All-State team — scored 45 points in one game.

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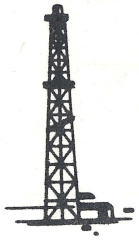

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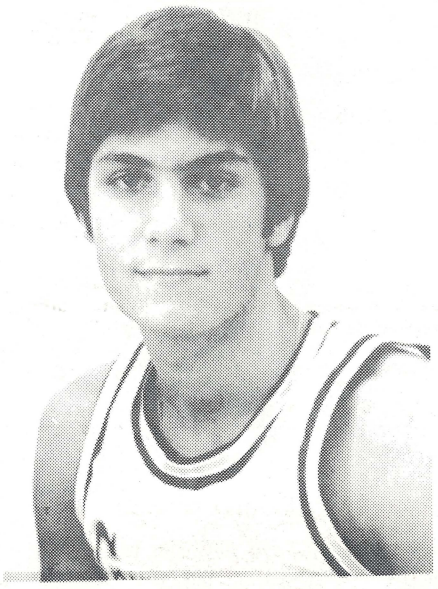

50 – WALKER LOUIS

Forward, 6-6, 190, Sophomore, 20, Dallas, Texas – Moving up from the jayvee team where he averaged 12.5 points and 9.8 rebounds in 17 games last season. He played in one varsity game, scoring three points in three minues – a lanky, lefty shooter who is the team's 'quiet man' – will be a reserve, but definitely will play quite a bit this season and in the future. BACKGROUND: A three-year starter at W. T. White High in Dallas, made All-District as a senior with per game averages of 15 points and 10 rebounds – had a high game of 32 points – younger brother of Don Louis, who played at Centenary in the late 1960's and is now a high school basketball coach in Arlington.

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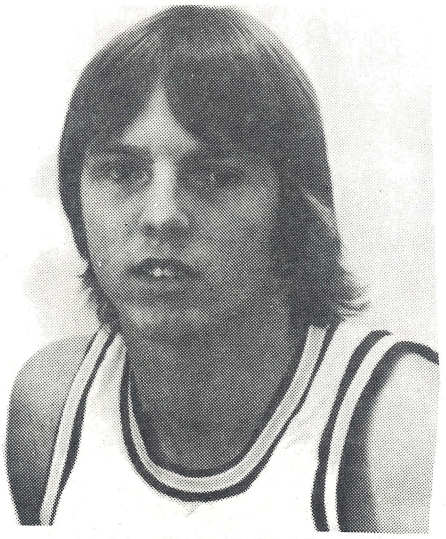

34 – BILL SCHMIDT

Guard, 6-4, 190, Junior, 20, Belleville, Ill. – Transfer from Belleville (Ill.) Area College – primary position will be wing guard, but can also swing to small forward – experience should help a young team, but he must adjust to major college ball – for Belleville Area, he was the top scorer in the Illinois State juco tournament and named to the All-State team – selected the No. I player in his section, made the all-conference team and four all-tournament teams, including the conference and state tourneys – will play baseball at Centenary. BACK-GROUND: Played at Belleville West High School, averaging 16 points and 8 rebounds a game as a senior – made All-City , All-East Side and All-Southwestern Confernce – began college career at Missouri-St. Louis, averaging eight points a game as a freshman – transferred to Belleville area where the team was 25-11 last year – averaged 17.5 points and 5 rebounds a game – shortstop in baseball, batted .305 last year for Belle-ville area as team won state championship.

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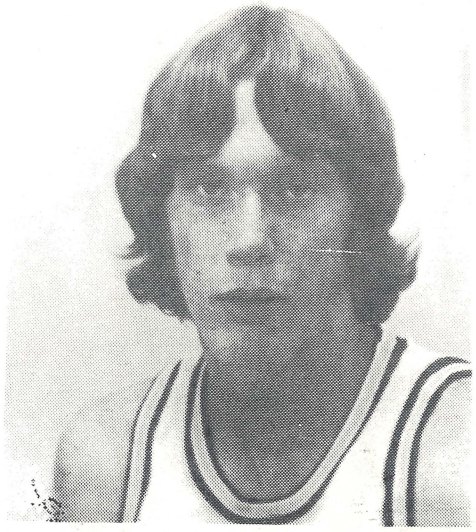

55 – RUDY MANNE

Center, 6-11, 220, Freshman, 18, New York City, N.Y. – The Gents' new big man (or Manne) and that leaves him a big place to fill – a youngster being asked to succeed an All-American. Whatever he does well will be a big plus for the Gents – attitude in no problem. The redhead lost 40 pounds over the summer and worked hard, but still lacks strength, finesse and endurance – he'll learn on the job. BACKGROUND: Averaged 20 points, 15 rebounds and three blocked shots a game as a junior when his Samuel Gompers High team went 21-3 and won the Bronx Division B title to make city playoffs – Upped averaged to 25 points, 20 rebounds and 5 blocks as a senior when team went 18-6 – scored 45 points vs. Haaren (Aaron Strayhorn's team) – All-Division both years and named All-City as a senior by New York Post and Daily News – All PSAL Division B on Post team – MVP in Harlem League All-Star Game and Whitney Young Tournament – also played baseball (first base) at Gompers.

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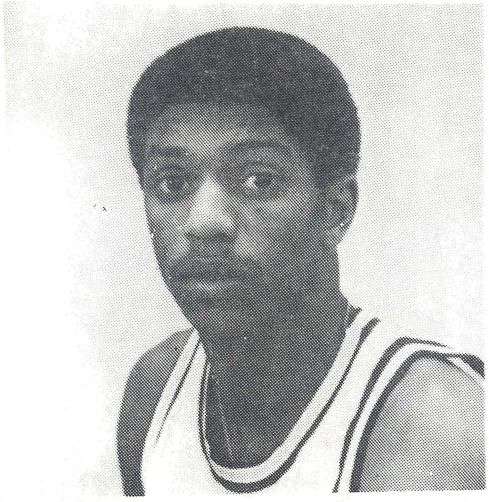

40 - CHRIS CUMMINGS

Guard, 6-2, 170, Junior, 21, Monticello, N.Y. — Transfer from Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge, N.Y. — discovered by Gent coaches in Kutsher's Sports Academy summer basketball camp where he was working — will play wing guard and is not afraid to fire the ball toward the basket — he will remind Gent fans of Nate Bland with his shooting range and he did not play basketball last season. BACKGROUND: Played at Monticello High, averaging 25 points (with a high game of 44) for a team 14-4 and sectional runnerup in his senior season — first team All-Tri-County and second team All-New York State — played in the All-America Classic, the Seamco Classic at Kutsher's and the Empire State Classic in Niagara Falls (scored 38 points in two games) — averaged 16 ppg as a freshman and 20 ppg as a sophomore at Ulster County and his team had an 18-6 record as a sophomore — MVP in Holiday Tournament when he scored 39 points in championship game — also played soccer (goalkeeper) in high school.

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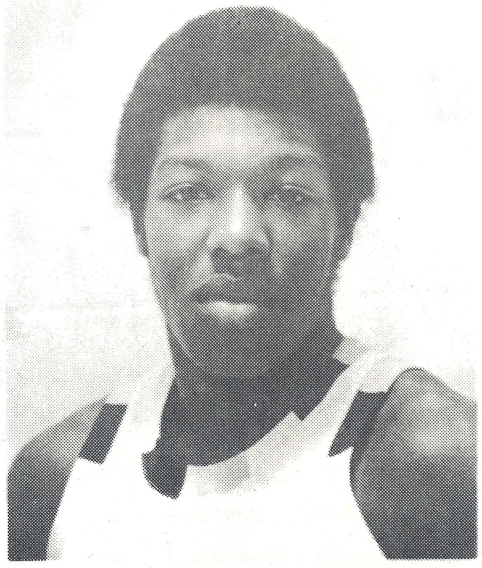

20 – LEROY CRAYTON

Guard, 5-11, 155, Sophomore, 19, Shreveport, La. – Walk-on who played with the junior varsity last season and stayed on to move up to the varsity this season – he will be a reserve and can play either point or wing guard – he has good range as a shooter – averaged 9.1 points and 3.9 rebounds per game in 18 games with the jayvees last season – had shooting percentages of .401 (field) and .643 (free throws) – high game of 20 vs. Louisiana Tech and had 16 points and nine rebounds in another game. BACKGROUND: Played three varsity seasons at Booker T. Washington High in Shreveport and his team won two district championships – averaged 17 points a game as a senior and was the team's MVP—runner-up in the city one-on-one tournament.

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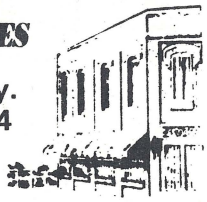

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Final Regular Season

WON 22 – LOST 5

Home Record: 10-1 Road Record: 10-3 Neutral Court: 2-1

Player	G-GS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	PF-DQ	A	T	Reb.	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.	High	MP
Robert Parish	27-27	288-489	.589	93-134	.694	91-5	48	88	486	18.0	669	24.8	36	939
Nate Bland	27-27	241-462	.522	52-70	.743	64-0	64	84	91	3.4	534	19.8	29	825
Barry McLeod	23-23	105-249	.422	63-76	.829	50-2	133	104	51	2.2	273	11.9	20	663
Bobby White	27-10	94-212	.443	23-24	.676	33-0	18	24	118	4.6	211	7.8	21	518
John Pitts	27-12	78-191	.408	42-58	.724	72-2	30	50	182	6.7	198	7.3	21	586
Al Barnes	27-27	68-137	.496	48-75	.640	71-0	30	28	153	5.7	184	6.8	15	717
Dick Brown	26-4	54-111	.486	34-41	.829	35-0	86	55	38	1.5	142	5.5	16	445
Cal Smith	27-5	36-106	.340	21-34	.618	15-1	19	31	91	3.4	93	3.4	10	454
LeRoy Hoggs	23-0	30-61	.492	19-28	.679	27-0	12	31	11	0.5	79	3.4	12	194
W. Brookshire	16-0	10-23	.435	1-5	.200	10-0	1	3	13	0.8	21	1.3	10	53
Walter Louis	1-0	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.0	3	3
Robbie Senn	1-0	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM		1-1	1.000						143	5.3				
GENT TOTALS	**27**	**1006-2043**	**.492**	**397-558**	**.711**	**504-10**	**444**	**498**	**1377**	**51.0**	**2409**	**89.2**	**133**	**5400**
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GENTS RECORDS

Individual Career Records

Most Points – 2,334, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Best Scoring Average – 25.8, Tom Kerwin, 1963-66
Most Field Goals Made – 1,034, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Best Field Goal Percentage – .564, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Most Free Throws Made – 436, Tom Kerwin, 1963-66
Best Free Throw Percentage – .874 (298-of-341), Larry Ward, 1966-69
Most Rebounds – 1,820, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Best Rebound Average – 16.9, Robert Parish, 1972-76
Most Assists – 423, Barry McLeod, 1973-76

Individual Single Season Records

Most Points – 726, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66
Best Scoring Average – 27.9, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66
Most Field Goals Made – 288, Robert Parish, 1975-76 (att. 489)
Best Field Goal Percentage – .589, Robert Parish, 1975-76 (288 of 489)
Most Free Throws Made – 162, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66 (att. 206)
Best Free Throw Percentage – .921, Dave Deets, 1973-74 (35 of 38)
Most Rebounds – 505, Robert Parish, 1972-73
Best Rebound Average – 18.7, Robert Parish, 1972-73
Most Assists – 184, Melvin Russell, 1972-73

TEAM SINGLE GAME RECORDS

Total Points: 133 vs. Hardin-Simmons, 2-5-76
Field Goals: 54 vs. Hardin-Simmons, 2-5-76
Free Throws: 41 vs. Nor'wstn La., 12-31-58
Rebounds: 78, vs. Tennessee Tech, 1-18-64
Assists: 34 vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1-12-74

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS GAME

Total Points: Robert Parish, 50, vs. Lamar University, 12-22-72
Field Goals: Robert Parish, 25, vs. Lamar University, 12-22-72
Free Throws: Robert Scott, 18, vs. Northwestern, La., 12-31-58
Rebounds: Robert Parish, 33, vs. Southern Mississippi
Assists: Melvin Russell, 17, vs. LSUNO, 3-24-73

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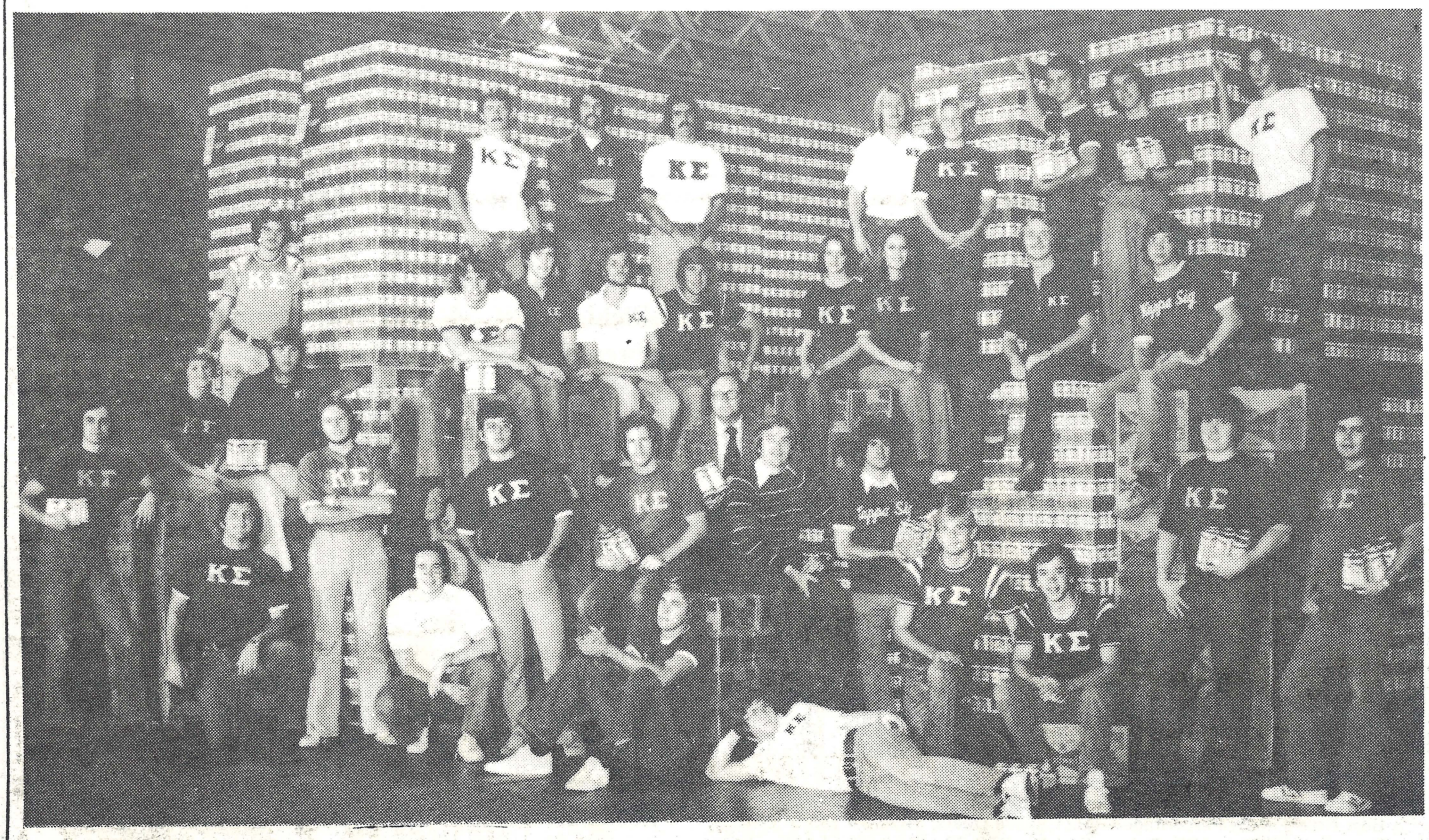
Alabama	89-22 (.802)
Maryland	92-23 (.800)
Louisville	92-24 (.793)
North Carolina	95-26 (.785)
Long Beach State	83-24 (.775)

3-YEAR RECORDS

Indiana	86- 6 (.935)
Marquette	77-11 (.875)
UCLA	81-12 (.871)
Nevada - Las Vegas	73-13 (.849)
Nc - Charlotte	69-13 (.841)
CENTENARY	68-13 (.840)
Alabama	67-14 (.827)
North Carolina State	73-16 (.820)
Maryland	69-16 (.812)
Louisville	70-17 (.805)



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March				
4	East Texas Baptist Col.	2	1:00	Away
5	Grambling University	2	1:00	Away
8	Ouachita Baptist Col.	2	1:30	Home
12	U. of Southwestern La.	2	1:00	Away
13	Lamar University	2	1:00	Away
15	U. of Ark.—Little Rock	2	1:00	Home
16	Principia College	2	4:30	Home
18	Louisiana Tech	2	1:00	Home
19	LeTourneau College	2	1:00	Away
20	Henderson State	2	1:30	Home
23	Northeast Louisiana U.	2	1:00	Home
25	Northwestern State U.	2	4:30	Home
26	Louisiana College	2	1:00	Away
28	Southern State College	2	1:00	Away
30	East Texas Baptist Col.	2	4:30	Home
April				
1	Stephen F. Austin U.	2	4:30	Home
2	Stephen F. Austin U.	1	12:00	Home
4	West Georgia College	1	1:00	Away
5	Georgia Tech	2	1:00	Away
6	Columbus College	1	1:00	Away
6	West Georgia College	1	7:30	Away
7	Mercer U. — Atlanta	1	3:00	Away
13	Southern State College	2	1:00	Home
15	Northwestern State U.	2	1:15	Away
16	LeTourneau College	2	4:30	Home
17	Lamar University	2	1:30	Home
20	Ouachita Baptist Col.	2	1:30	Away
22	Baptist Christian Col.	2	4:30	Home
23	Northeast Louisiana U.	2	1:00	Away
26	Louisiana Tech	2	1:00	Away
30	U. of Ark — Little Rock	2	1:30	Away
May				
2	Louisiana College	2	1:00	Home
6	Grambling University	2	4:30	Home

CENTENARY COLLEGE
1976-77 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

29—North Texas State University . . . . . Denton, Texas

DECEMBER

1—Pan American University . . . . . Edinburg, Texas
4—Northern Illinois University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
6—Northwestern State University . . . . . Natchitoches, La.
10-11—Bayou Classic . . . . . Lafayette, La.
18—University of Southwestern La. . . . . .Shreveport, La.
27-28—Motor City Classic . . . . . Detroit, Michigan

JANUARY

4—Louisiana Tech . . . . . .Ruston, La.
6—Indiana State University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
8—Pan American University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
10—Robert Morris College-Pennsylvania . . . .Shreveport, La.
15—McNeese State University . . . . . Lake Charles, La.
18—Creighton University . . . . . Omaha, Nebraska
20—U. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee . . . . . Milwaukee, Wisconsin
22—Indiana State University . . . . . Terre Haute, Indiana
25—Hardin-Simmons University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
27—Northwestern State University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.

FEBRUARY

1—University of Texas . . . . . .Austin, Texas
4—U. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
5—Creighton University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
10—Hardin-Simmons University . . . . . .Abilene, Texas
12—Northeast Louisiana University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
15—Chaminade College . . . . . Honolulu, Hawaii
18-19—University of Hawaii . . . . . Honolulu, Hawaii
23—North Texas State University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.
25—U. of Southern Mississippi . . . . . Hattiesburg, Miss.

MARCH

2—McNeese State University . . . . . .Shreveport, La.

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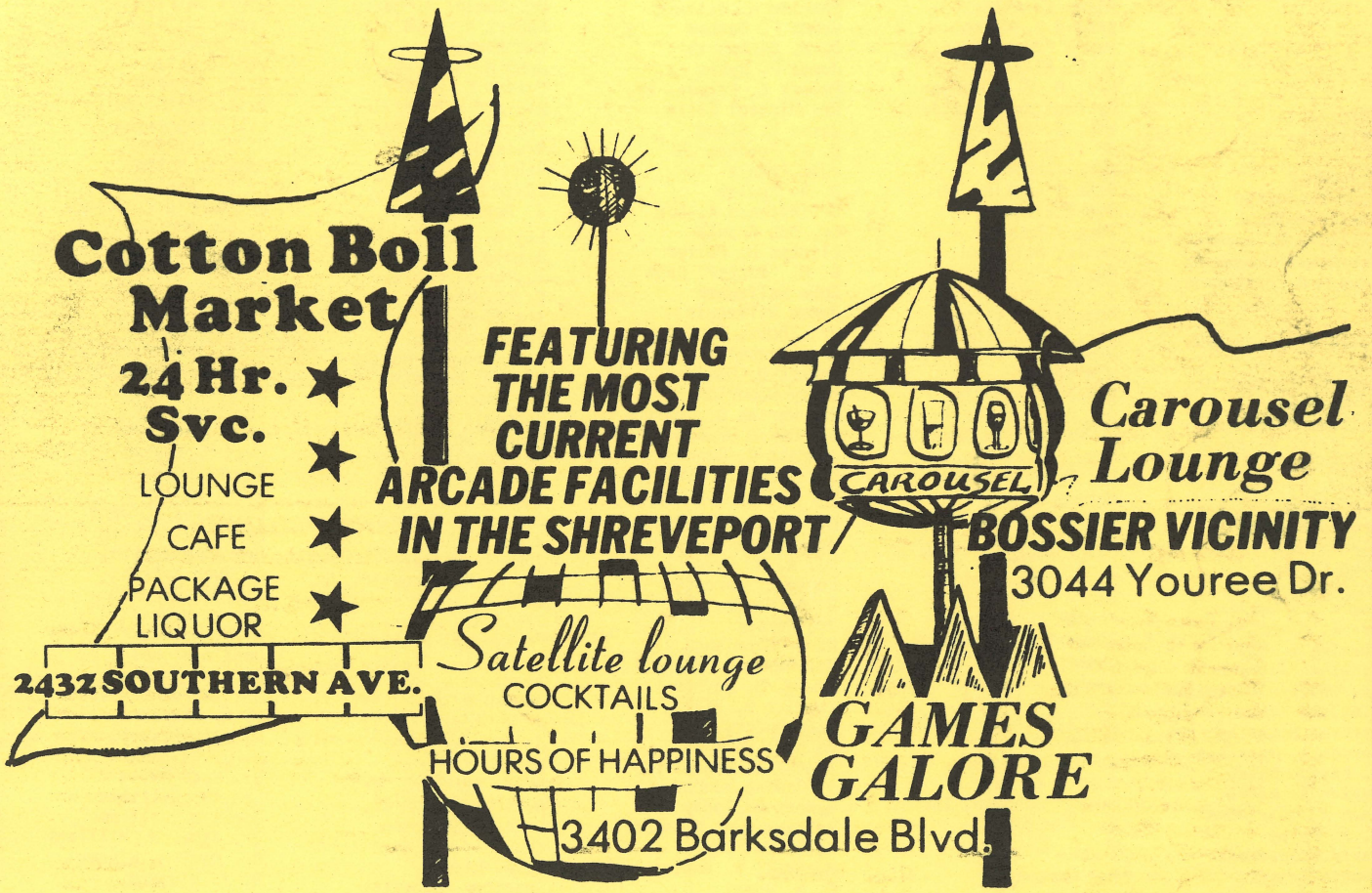
Game Time 8:00 P.M.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